

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Minutes and Informal Instructions of the Open Meeting of
Monday, January 11, 2010

The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (Commission) met as noticed. Present were Chairperson Callisto, Commissioner Meyer, and Commissioner Azar.

137-CE-140 – Application of American Transmission Company, as an Electric Public Utility, to Construct a New 138 kV Line Between the Existing Canal Substation in the Town of Sturgeon Bay and the Dunn Road Substation in the Town of Sevastopol, in Door County, Wisconsin

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

3560-WR-106 – Application of Menasha Electric & Water Utilities, Winnebago County, Wisconsin, for Authority to Increase Water Rates

The Commission approved the Notice of Proceeding and directed it be signed by the Secretary to the Commission on behalf of the Commission.

6630-CE-302 – Application of Wisconsin Electric Power Company for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct a Wind Electric Generation Facility and Associated Electric Facilities, to be Located in the Towns of Randolph and Scott, Columbia County, Wisconsin

The Commission discussed the record in this docket and made determinations, including the following:

1. The application filed on behalf of Wisconsin Electric Power Company (WEPCO) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct a wind electric generation facility (known as the Glacier Hills Work Park project), to be located in the Towns of Randolph and Scott, Columbia County, Wisconsin, is approved, subject to conditions.
2. WEPCO should not be required to apply any new requirements resulting from the upcoming wind siting proceeding, docket 1-AC-231, particularly any new requirements related to project design.
3. Upon complaint by an affected resident, the proposed noise limit shall be permanently reduced to 45 dBA at the applicable turbines during nighttime hours of the summer months.

4. The minimum setback requirement shall be increased to 1,250 feet from non-participating landowner residences and shall be measured from the centerline of the turbine foundation nearest the residence to the nearest point on the residence structure.
5. WEPCO shall work with local electric distribution companies to test for stray voltage at all dairy operations within one-half mile of any project facility.
6. WEPCO shall work with affected residences to implement reasonable and appropriate mitigation techniques in regard to shadow flicker, radio and television interference, and cellular telecommunications interference.
7. WEPCO shall develop and file a plan with the Commission to reduce the hardships to the residences owned by the Smits and Regnerus families.
8. WEPCO shall coordinate with local first responders and air ambulance services regarding the development of an emergency evacuation plan. WEPCO shall file the final plan with the Commission.
9. All 90 of the sites proposed by WEPCO for construction of its turbines and associated facilities are approved, as otherwise consistent with this decision, except for alternate sites 101A and 102A.

The Commission directed the Gas and Energy Division to draft an order consistent with its discussion.

The Commission adjourned the meeting at 3:09 p.m.

Sandra J. Paske
Secretary to the Commission